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Examiner's Detailed Office Action

1. Claims 1-37 are allowed.

Examiner's Amendment

2. On Tuesday, April 22, 2008, applicant's representative, Hugh P. Gortler, Reg. No. 33,890, authorized examiner to amend the claims byway of Examiner's Amendment. An interview summary has been included.

Regarding claim 1.

A method of using a computer to train a computer-based neural network with input image data, the neural network including a plurality of connection weights, the method comprising: using the neural network to rescale the input image data; determining errors for the rescaled data; and using neighborhoods of the errors to adjust the connection weights.

Regarding claim 21.

Apparatus for training a neural network on input data to perform image rescaling, the neural network having a plurality of connection weights, the apparatus comprising a processor pro-

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grammed to use the neural network to rescale the input data; determine errors for the rescaled data; and use neighborhoods of the errors to adjust the connection weights of the neural network.

Regarding claim 37.

An article for causing a processor to use input image data to adjust connection weights of a neural network so the neural network can perform image rescaling, the article comprising: computer memory; and data encoded in the computer memory, the data causing the processor to use the neural network to rescale the input image data; determine errors for the rescaled data; and use neighborhoods of the errors to adjust the connection weights of the neural network.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an Examiner's statement for reasons for allowance:
4. Claims 1-37 are considered allowable since when reading the claims in light of the specification, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in the independent claim(s).
5. When taken in context the claim(s) as a whole, were not uncovered in the prior art. Moreover, the dependent claims 2-18, 22-33, 35 & 36 are allowed as they depend upon an allowable independent claim(s).
6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments regarding Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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